

# HEDGEHOG FEEDING STATION



Our project for this week is to build a hedgehog feeding station - it is super easy and will reward both you and the hedgehogs. They often come to feed at dusk so you may hear them even if you cant see them (they sniff, grunt and purr!)

## WHAT YOU NEED:

A Box - this can be a plastic or wooden box

A knife

Some duct tape

1. Turn the box upside down and cut a 14x14cm hole and then put duct tape around then outside of the hole to protect the hedgehog from any sharp bits of plastic
2. Place the food and water at the opposite wend of the hole, and if you can, place a brick on the inside of the opening about 13 cm away so that only hedgehogs can get on (not cats, foxes or anything else that might want the food, or the hedgehog!)
3. Finally, weigh down your box with a brick to stop the win blowing it over or animals upturning it



- FOOD: Hedgehogs love wet dog/cat food and also dry cat biscuits...or you can buy specialist hedgehog food (usually load of dried insects!)
- Do not feed them dried mealworms, bread or milk
- Leave out plenty of water (especially when it is hot).

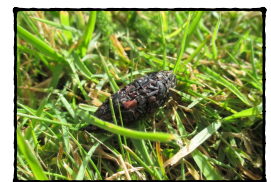


If you don't have a box, see if you can create something out of bricks and paving slabs, or even wood. There are tonnes of pictures and idea online so you don't have to stick to this method.

## Sign of Hedgehogs

Leave a little stick leaning up at the entrance - if this has moved you'll know someone has been there, or see if you can film them with a night vision camera

You can also use the animal tracking devises we looked at in week one, or keep and eye out for their poo! Have a look here <https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/about-hedgehogs/tracks-and-signs/>



Images from the mammal tracking society, and hedgehog street

